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LeMahieu Raffle Reform Bill Signed Into Law

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Madison – Senator Devin LeMahieu (R-Oostburg) issued the following statement after Governor Walker signed Assembly Bill 14, the Raffle Reform Bill, into law:

"I am proud that the Raffle Reform Bill became the first law I created as a State Senator. While it may not seem like the most exciting issue, this law will make a positive impact in every community across the state."

"Last year alone, over 8,600 non-profit organizations applied for a raffle license in our state. These organizations include local VFW posts, fire departments, conservation groups, lions clubs, and other service organizations that all depend on revenue from raffles to aid their cause. Furthermore, any money raised from raffles is required by law to be directly invested into serving our communities through initiatives such as scholarships or local wildlife preservation efforts."

"Unfortunately, our raffle rules and regulations were confusing and over-burdensome to many organizations and their volunteers. The Raffle Reform Act streamlines, updates, and improves the charitable raffle process in our state, making it easier for non-profit organizations to conduct raffles, while maintaining transparency and fairness."

"I would like to thank Representative Mike Kuglitsch (R- New Berlin), former State Senator Joe Leibham, and the Sheboygan County Conservation Coalition for championing this issue. Their hard work and dedication over the past year and a half made this legislation possible."

Assembly Bill 14 received strong bi-partisan support as it passed the State Legislature. Governor Scott Walker signed the bill enacting it to law as 2015 Act 6.

Senator Devin LeMahieu represents the 9th Senate District, which includes parts of Sheboygan, Manitowoc, and Calumet Counties.

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